Prospectus

With unexpected intimacy, a canoe measures us . . . welcomes our human width encourages us with applause sustained by the dip of a paddle tip. It's easy. It's hard . . . upon our return to the banks of an injured river. Muscles amid mussels, we are the bug-bitten swarm of colorful T-shirts who, like tadpoles along the shore, dream of leapfrogging toward little miracles:

two bare feet visible under 48 inches of freshwater . . . clear

the orange calligraphy of a mulberry's descent through muddy shale . . . current

the softshell turtle seeking refuge for her eggs . . . bearings

Unfazed by bandits
whose refuse we refuse,
we move in confluence . . .
banks, interest, return, flow.
Our footprints mint the fresh pieces
of green currency . . .
whose economy is a wholly owned subsidiary
of the natural world.

Return on investment?

Another year of change . . .

deposited in bags . . .

ensuring those who follow

remain aware . . .

and prepared to inherit

a wealth we've come to know

with unexpected intimacy.